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MINUTES

OF THE

Fifth and Sixth Annual Sessions

1925 and 1926

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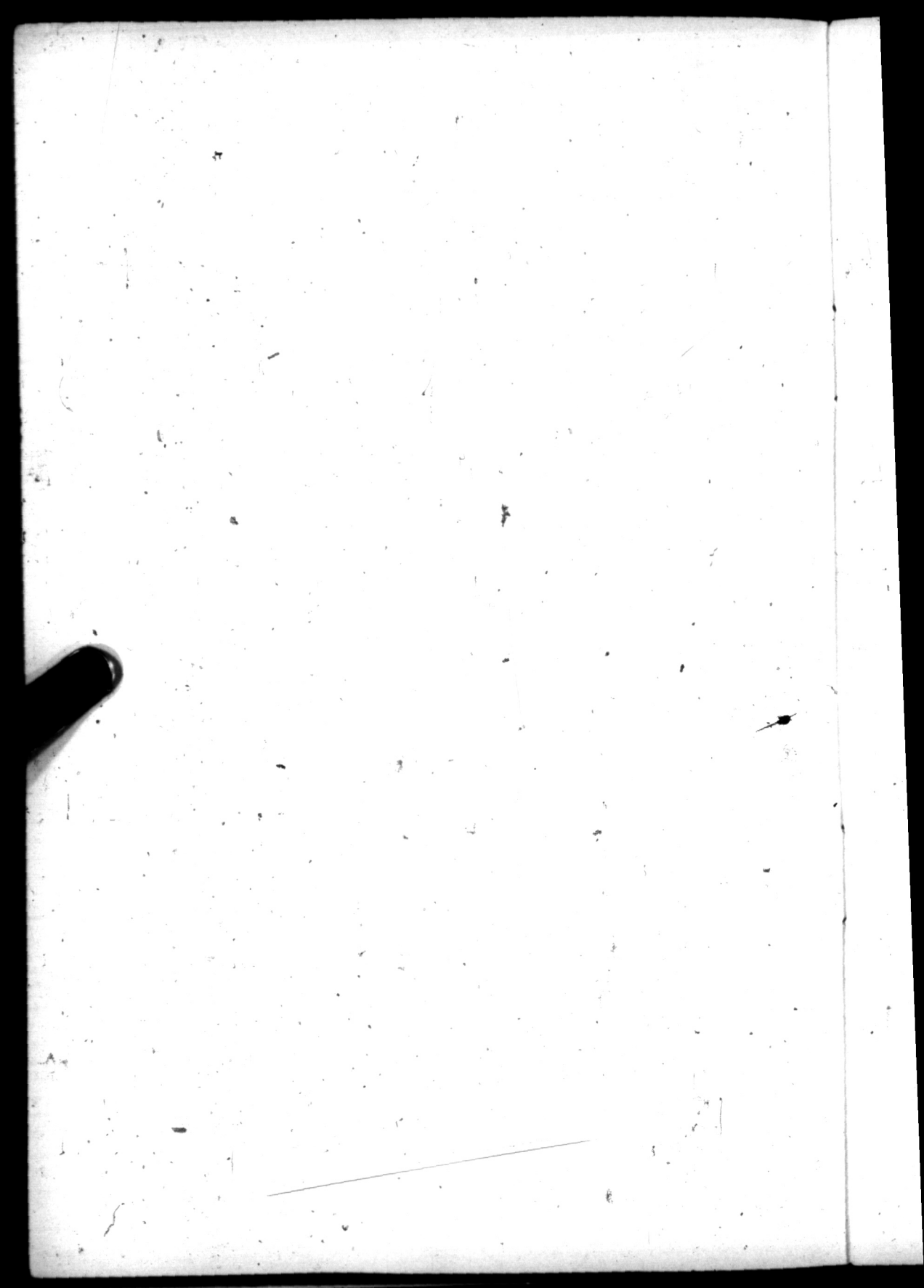
SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

October 29-30-31, 1926



C. E. BASS, Moderator.....Secoba, Mississippi

BENNIE C. PALMER, Clerk and Treas., Gholson, Mississippi



MINUTES
OF THE
Fifth Annual Session
OF
THE KEMPER COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
SCOOBA BAPTIST CHURCH
October 23, 24, 25, 1925

OFFICERS

S. C. TRAMMELL.....**MODERATOR**

BENNIE C. PALMER.....**CLERK AND TREASURER**

Next Session will be held with Salem Baptist Church, Twelve Miles
Northwest of DeKalb, October 22, 23, 24, 1926

Introductory Sermon.....**J. L. Williams**

Doctrinal Sermon.....**S. L. Morris**

Chairmen of Standing Committees for Next Session

Social Service.....**Bennie C. Palmer**

Missions.....**E. E. Hall**

Christian Education.....**J. L. Williams**

Minutes of Fifth Annual Session Kemper County Baptist Association

The Kemper County Baptist Association met in its Fifth Annual Session with Scooba Baptist Church, Friday, October 23, 1925, at ten thirty A. M. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Brother S. C. Trammell.

Opening song, "Doxology." Prayer by Brother S. C. Trammell.

After devotional exercises, the clerk, Brother A. C. Furr, called the roll of the churches, and enrolled the messengers.

ANTIOCH
BAY SPRINGS
BINNSVILLE
BLACKWATER
CENTER RIDGE
DeKALB
ELECTRIC MILLS
FRIENDSHIP
PHILADELPHIA
SCOوبا
SALEM
STONEWALL
UNION HILL
WAHALAK

H. H. Stewart
O. B. McDade
Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Evans and H. J. Dockery
J. M. McWilliams and Mrs. C. L. Key
S. McWilliams and Clide McWilliams
Reverend Robert Bell
Mrs. R. C. Callahan
W. N. EVANS
By Letter
Guy Jack, S. C. Trammell, Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Morris
Bennie C. Palmer
J. R. Moore and J. Jordan

Mrs. R. W. Bethany and W. Pope

The order of business was the election of officers which resulted in the electing of Brother S. C. Trammell as Moderator, and Bennie C. Palmer as Clerk and Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed a Committee to report on the Order of Business, as follows: Brother Robert Bell, Brother S. L. Morris, and Brother J. H. Newton.

The following Committee on Finance was appointed by the Moderator: Brother O. L. McDade, Brother W. N. Evans and Sister R. W. Bethany.

Brother L. E. Lightsey, our dearly beloved colporteur, made an instructive and entertaining talk on "The Value of Good Books and Papers in Our Homes."

AFTERNOON SESSION—FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1925.

After several announcements were made, pertaining to assignment of the delegates and time of meeting, the Association was dismissed for the noon hour with prayer by Brother Robert Bell.

The Association reassembled for the afternoon session at two o'clock. Song "Bring Them In." Brother A. C. Furr conducted the devotional exercises.

The Committee on Order of Business made their partial report. This partial report was adopted by the assembly.

The following visiting brethren were recognized and given a seat with us: L. E. Lightsey, from the State Board; A. C. Furr, from the Chickasaw County Association; and P. I. Lipsey, Editor of the Baptist Record.

The Committee on Digest of Letters was appointed as follows: Bennie C. Palmer, Mrs. G. C. Boyd, and Mrs. S. L. Morris.

The Treasurer, Brother A. C. Furr, made his report, which was accepted as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Amount brought forward	\$ 14.90
Amount sent in by churches and public offering	113.85
TOTAL	\$128.73
Paid out for the printing of the minutes	\$ 50.00
Amount sent to Dr. Gunter for the Orphanage	26.00
Paid Clerk for services	25.00
Balance in Bank of Kemper	27.73
TOTAL	\$128.73

The question of how the church can be made an instrument or mechanism for the upbuilding of our churches in Kemper County was discussed by Brother Robert Bell, Brother P. I. Lipsey, Brother A. C. Furr, and Brother S. L. Morris.

Due to the fact that Brother William Lunsford of Dallas, Texas, was unable to be present at the Association and present a plea for our aged ministers, Brother S. L. Morris represented Brother Lunsford and presented this appeal in forceful language. This subject was further discussed by Brother J. H. Newton and Brother P. I. Lipsey.

The Association then adjourned with prayer, until Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

MORNING SESSION—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1925.

The Association was called to order at nine o'clock by the Moderator, Brother S. C. Trammell. After a song and prayer service conducted by Brother Robert Bell, the Association proceeded with the regular order of business.

The minutes of Friday's proceedings were read and adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business made an additional partial report on Saturday's program. This partial report was adopted. Brother S. L. Morris was the chairman of this Committee.

The next order of business was the re-reading of the report on Social Service, by Brother J. N. Newton. This report was discussed by Brother J. N. Newton, Brother L. E. Lightsey, Brother S. L. Morris, Brother J. L. Williams, Brother Guy Jack, and Brother P. I. Lipsey. The report was accepted as read by the Committee.

The next order of business was the reading of the report on missions, by Brother Robert Bell. This report was discussed by Brother Bell and Brother P. I. Lipsey. The report was adopted as read.

Messenger from Friendship, W. N. Evans, was enrolled.

The Association adjourned for the noon hour with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1925

The Association reassembled for business at two o'clock. The devotional exercises were conducted by Brother J. L. Williams.

The Committee on Order of Business reported their complete program for the rest of the Associational meetings. This report was adopted by the assembly.

The next order of business was the reading of the report on Christian Education. This report was discussed by Brother S. L. Morris, Brother J. N. Newton, Brother J. L. Wallace, Brother L. E. Lightsey, Brother J. L. Williams, Brother Robert Bell and Bennie C. Palmer.

The following Committees were appointed: Committee on Nominations—Brother S. L. Morris, Brother J. N. Newton, and Brother J. L. Williams. Committee on Resolutions—Brother Robert Bell, Brother W. Pope, and Sister Lanier. Committee on Obituaries—Sister S. L. Morris, Sister R. W. Bethany, and Sister Alme Evans.

The next order of business was the report of the Committee on the Digest of Letters. The report was read by Sister S. L. Morris, and adopted as read.

A motion was made at this time for the Moderator to appoint a committee to prepare a suggested program for the next Associational meeting. This motion was carried by the Assembly.

A volunteer delegate, Mrs. C. L. Key, from Blackwater, was enrolled by the Clerk.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn until seven o'clock Saturday night.

SATURDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 24, 1925

The Association reassembled for a business session at the appointed time.

Report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Brother J. L. Williams and adopted.

The Committee on Obituaries made the following report, read by Sister S. L. Morris, and the report was adopted as read:

Report On Obituaries

We your Committee on Obituaries make the following report: That since the last meeting of our Association God has seen fit to remove from the walks of life five of our members.

We extend to the bereaved ones our deepest sympathy and bow submissively to His will. The Lord gave and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

Submitted by,
SISTER S. L. MORRIS
SISTER R. W. BETHANY
SISTER ALMA EVANS

The Committee on Resolutions made their report, read by Sister I. H. Lanier. The Committee report was adopted as read:

Report On Resolutions

Be it therefore, Resolved, that we, The Kemper County Baptist Association in Annual Convention assembled, signify our approval of:

1. That we ask all the churches of this Association to enter into the 1926 program earnestly.
2. A united effort for the teaching of Stewardship, Budget Plan for denominational work, and the reading of the Denominational literature, of our state.
3. That this Association go down on record as favoring the full enforcement of the Law, and that we urge investigation in every part of the county, promising the court the full support of the churches of this Association.

4. That this Association extend a cordial invitation to all the Baptist Churches in Kemper County to join this body.

5. That the Association allow the Clerk \$25.00 for his services in preparing the Minutes of this Association.

6. That this Association express its appreciation to the following brethren for their help and inspiring addresses: Brother L. E. Lightsey, and Brother P. I. Lipsey.

8. That we extend our thanks to the members of the Scooba Baptist church, Pastor, and the people of the community for their hospitality and their untiring interest in our welfare.

Submitted by

BROTHER ROBERT BELL
BROTHER W. N. POPE
SISTER I. H. LANIER

The Association adjourned after an interesting sermon by Brother Lipsey, until Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25, 1925

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Brother S. C. Trammell.

Song, "Bring Them In."

Prayer by Bennie C. Palmer.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother E. E. Hall. His subject for the discussion was, "Forgiveness, Faith, and Ingratitude."

Prayer by Brother S. L. Morris.

Song, "I Love To Tell The Story."

The next order of business was the reading of the minutes of the preceding day by the Clerk. The Minutes were adopted as read.

Motion made and carried that the Association go on record as "pledging themselves to endeavor to raise the amount of \$3375.00, as requested by R. B. Gunter of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board."

Song, "He Will Keep His Promise To Me."

The Importance of a Sunday School	Bennie C. Palmer
The Importance of a Sunday School Teacher	E. E. Hall

Song, "Amazing Grace."

Prayer by J. H. Newton.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Salem Church Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1926, October 22, 23, 24, 1926.

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixth Annual Session
OF
THE KEMPER COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH
October 29, 30, 31, 1926

OFFICERS

C. E. BASS MODERATOR
BENNIE C. PALMER CLERK AND TREASURER

Next Session will be held with Antioch Baptist Church, on the
* highway from DeKalb to Scooba, Friday before the Fourth
Sunday in October, 1927.

Chairmen of Standing Committees for the next Session:

Social Service J. M. McWilliams
Christian Education W. L. Spinks
Missions J. L. Williams

Minutes of Sixth Annual Session Kemper County Baptist Association

The Kemper County Baptist Association met in its Sixth Annual Session with Salem Baptist Church, twelve miles northwest of DeKalb, Mississippi, Friday before the Fifth Sunday in October, 1926, at eleven o'clock. The Association was promptly called to order at the above mentioned hour by the Moderator, Brother S. C. Trammell.

Opening Song, "Rock of Ages." Reading of the Twenty-third Psalm by the Clerk. Prayer by the Moderator.

After devotional exercises the Clerk called the roll of the churches and enrolled the messengers.

ANTIOCH
BAY SPRINGS
BINNSVILLE
BLACKWATER
CENTER RIDGE
DeKALB
ELECTRIC MILLS
FRIENDSHIP
PHILADELPHIA
SCOOPA
SALEM
UNION HILL
WAHALAK

Bro. and Sister J. N. Moore
E. A. Puckett, J. H. Cherry, J. C. Edwards
H. A. Gay, Mrs. Claude Hammick
Bro. and Sister J. W. Severance
Webb Key, Dr. C. L. Key
By Letter
By Letter
Jeff Hall, Bob Rae Evans, and Mrs. Burnette
By Letter
Bro. S. C. Trammell, J. D. Wallace
Mrs. Mary Kellis, Lee Fulton, and Miss Vaughn

The next order of business was the election of officers which resulted in the election of the following: Bro. C. E. Bass, Moderator; and Bennie C. Palmer was elected as Clerk and Treasurer.

Bro. S. C. Trammell, the retiring Moderator, made a few remarks in regard to the Associational work after which the newly elected Moderator, Bro. C. E. Bass assumed control of the meeting.

The Association voted a rising vote of thanks to the retiring Moderator for his earnest efforts in the work.

Motion was made and carried that the tentative program prepared by Bro. C. E. Bass, Pastor of Scooba Baptist Church, be used during the Associational Meetings.

The next order of business was the recognition of visiting brethren, Dr. R. B. Gunter and his brother, Bro. W. L. Spinks from Lauderdale County Association, Bro. J. F. Entzminger, Bro. Shelton from the Noxubee County Association, and Bro. J. D. Fulton of the Winston County Association.

The next order of business was the reading of the constitution by the clerk.

The reading of the Report on Mission was advanced one day so that Dr. R. B. Gunter could be present at the discussion. This report was made by the chairman, Bro. J. H. Newton. The report was read and discussed. One amendment was made: "That a budget committee be appointed at once and instructed to gather all material possible with reference to each church in the Association, and therefrom prepare a suggestive program for this association for the next Convention Year. The report with the amendment was adopted.

Suggested Associational Report on Home Missions

1926-1927

Our denominational papers have given most hearty commendation of the Home Mission work for the past year. The Board made a glorious report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, last year.

Notwithstanding the receipts were more than \$100,000 short of those of the previous year, the year's work was most gratifying. Conversions and baptisms were numerous. The Home Board for years has been recognized as probably the greatest single evangelizing agency in America. Also the report of the Board shows a most gratifying tendency toward self-support. Mission stations and weak churches helped by the Board are in turn giving liberally to our denominational work, beneficiaries thus becoming benefactors.

Since the Convention met in Houston eleven years ago, the work of the Home Mission Board has gone steadily forward. Since that time, the workers, independent and cooperative, of the Home Mission Board have delivered 1,794,408 sermons and addresses; conducted more than 140,480 prayer meetings; made 3,069,975 religious visits; have added to the churches through baptism 405,796 members; total additions, 652,312; volunteers for Christian service, 121,895; constituted 2,123 churches, built or improved 4,696 houses of worship, organized 7,148 Sunday schools; distributed 309,753 Bibles and Testaments, circulated 53,537,829 pages of religious tracts. A great record, indeed.

The Board is laboring under a heavy debt contracted not from plunging but from a reduction in receipts for five years past. Retrenchment of the severest sort has been exercised each year. It will be almost suicidal for us to enforce further retrenchment in this great work. This report may well be closed by a brief statement from the last annual report of the Board:

This is the greatest hour for Home Mission in the history of our country. The problems were never so acute, the demands so urgent, the opportunities so great and the obligations so overwhelming. This conviction is growing with thoughtful persons who realize the significance of America for the salvation of the world. America constitutes at once the greatest field and force in all the world for Christian civilization. Christian statesmen everywhere are beginning to realize this. Problems at home are as serious and complicated as those beyond the seas.

Our country has become notorious for its disrespect for law, for its numerous murders, for its commercialism and materialism. Nothing but the mighty power of the Gospel of Christ will save us from this deluge of worldly diversion and material prosperity. These things constitute a most serious problem which deserves the thoughtful consideration of our Convention. Our work abroad will advance apace as we lay the foundation at home.

The Board furnishes free of cost excellent tracts and leaflets on all phases of its work at headquarters, 804 Wynne-Claughton Building, Atlanta, Georgia.

Your Committee most cordially recommends that every church and individual in our bounds study this great department of our work and pray earnestly and give liberally for its success.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. NEWTON.

Report on Foreign Missions

Through the grace and providence of God the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention has passed the eighty-first anniversary of its organization. To Him who the board was created to honor, and whose world wide will it was appointed to serve, be glory and praise.

There have been some baffling incidents and experiences in the work during the year, yet in the midst of all the besetments our work on the foreign fields has had the blessings of God, as the statistical tables will show.

A memorable and grateful event in the experience of the year was the "Christmas Love Offering," the result was a denominational achievement which for quick action and large financial returns was never equalled by Southern Baptist. A total love offering of \$811,344.11 was realized.

On the total amount given above the Womans Missionary Union of the Southern Baptist Convention is credited with \$306,376.21.

The grand total of contributions to the debt and from the Co-operative Program and in designated gifts were, \$2,123,791.32.

The foreign Mission Board had to borrow during the year 1925-1926 to May 1st, \$1,259,225.25 in order to take care of our work and our missionaries on the field.

We have or had on May 1st 1926 on the foreign fields 1215 churches. No. of churches self supporting, 557; Out stations 3247; Baptisms 13,269; restored, 1,239; excluded 1930; total membership, 140,488; House of worship owned by the board of natives, 692; number of schools, 1818; No. scholars, 76,991.

Native contributions \$144,258.00; Missionaries, men, 198, married women 191; unmarried women 139; Ordained natives 590; Un-ordained native workers 2,054; Missionary residences owned by the board, 224.

No. of schools 887; Normal training schools 16; (Theological schools 20; Students, 480); total No. of schools and colleges, 929 total No. of students, 36,893.

Native Physicians, 16; Hospitals, 24; Foreign Physicians, 22; Foreign Nurses, 11; Native Nurses, 99; total No. patients treated, 69,583; Total No. treatments, 214,910.

We your committee recommend that our Association stand by our Foreign Mission Board as well as our program that we may thereby have some part in sending the gospel to a lost world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. NEWTON.

In answer to Bro. J. L. Williams "as to the qualifications of a Board Member" Dr. Gunter replied that brethren whose salaries are paid in full by the Board cannot be a member.

Dr. Gunter announced that he would be very glad to take subscriptions to the Baptist Record. "There is no way to keep up with the Lord's work in Mississippi unless we read the Baptist Record."

Motion was made and carried that we adjourn for the noon hour. The Association was adjourned with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reassembled for the afternoon session at 1:30. Song, "He Is Able To Deliver Thee." Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. R. J. Shelton, Prayer led by Dr. Guntre.

The Mission Report was discussed by Bro. Newton, Dr. Gunter, and Bro. Williams. The amendment to the Mission Report was inaugurated by Bro. Spinks.

The Moderator named the Budget Committee in keeping with this amendment: Lee Fulton, H. A. Gay, O. B. McDade, Mrs. W. G. Burnette, and the Clerk, Bennie C. Palmer.

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on Law Enforcement by the Chairman, Bro. S. C. Trammell. This Report was discussed by Bro. Trammell and Bro. Spinks. The Report was adopted.

Report On Law Enforcement

Your Committee on Law Enforcement begs leave to submit the following Report: Order was Heaven's first law. Obedience the enforcement. The Ten Commandments God's Law. The blessed Gospel of the salvation and regeneration of souls the enforcement. Disobedience to God's law brought sin into the world. The first violation was in the Garden of Eden. This was followed by the shadow of Cain. Murder has become the most common word in our newspapers over Christian America, and is the sinister shadow of Cain, stained with his brother's blood. Nowhere in the world is life so cheap as in the United States. With less fear of the consequences, the gallows and electric chair. There is a fundamental weakness some where in our national character. Is the flaw in the law or in the twisted psychology, that leads so many people to shed human blood in defiance of God's holy law: "Thou shalt not kill." Enforcement, death.

It is claimed by reasoning minds that the violation of the liquor traffic law, the prevailing evil of our country, is the foundation of the gravest crimes committed and most destructive to the human family. The greatest need is the enforcing of the law.

The enforcement of God's law of unbelief results in the eternal loss of souls. All nations of Christian people will honor, reverence and cherish the memory of William Jennings Bryan for his fight against this great sin of unbelief.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Trammell

The next order of business was the appointing of the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Resolutions, the Committee on Nominations, the Committee on Digest of Letters, by the Moderator. The personnel of these Committees consist of the following:

Committee on Resolutions: J. L. Williams, S. C. Trammell, Robert Teer.

Committee on Digest of Letters: J. C. Edwards, A. E. Puckett, J. D. Fulton, W. L. Spinks.

Committee on Nominations: J. H. Newton, J. A. Key, O. B. McDade.

Committee on Finance: Ben C. Palmer, Mrs. J. N. Moore, Mrs. J. W. Severance.

Motion was made and carried for Bro. W. L. Spinks to preach at 11:00 Sunday morning.

The Association adjourned with prayer until Friday evening at 7:00.

FRIDAY EVENING

The Association was called to order by the Moderator. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Bro. J. H. Newton. This was a great sermon. His subject was: "The Harvest, The Laborer." The text was Matthew 9:35-38.

Then the Association adjourned with prayer to meet Saturday morning at 10:00.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association was called to order by Bro. C. E. Bass, at 10:00 a. m. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. J. F. Entzminger.

By common consent the Report on Nominations was put in the place of the Digest of Letters Report because Bro. Newton was compelled to leave the Associational meeting. The report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations

We your Committee on Nominations make the following report:

Place of meeting, Antioch.

Time, Friday before the Fourth Saturday in October, 1927.

Bro. C. E. Bass preach the Associational Sermon.

Some State Worker to preach the other sermon.

The following are chairmen of committees to prepare reports for the next meeting of the Association, 1927:

Social Service	J. M. McWilliams
Christian Education	W. L. Spinks
Missions	J. L. Williams
State Convention Board Member	C. E. Bass

Bro. C. E. Bass be lected as our representative to the State Baptist Convention.

Members of Association Executive Board

Antioch	H. H. Steuart
Bay Springs	O. B. McDade
Binnsville	S. H. Evans
Blackwater	J. M. McWilliams
DeKalk	D. P. Davis
Electric Mills	W. P. Hollis
Friendship	J. A. Saunders
Philadelphia	John Swain
Salem	B. C. Palmer, Sr.
Scooba	I. H. Lanier
Stonewall	Rev. J. R. Moore
Wahalak	A. J. Denton
Union Hill	O. S. Vandevender

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. NEWTON
J. A. KEY
O. B. McDADE

Next in order of business was the reading of the minutes of Friday's proceedings. The minutes were read by the Clerk, Bennie C. Palmer, and adopted as read by the Association.

Next in order of business was the reading of the Report on Christian Education by Bro. J. L. Williams. This report was adopted as read. This report was discussed by Bro. J. L. Williams, Bro. Wallace, Bro. Newton, and Bro. C. E. Bass,

Christian Education

A writer in one of the Southern Baptist weeklies, telling of the Christian Colleges of twenty-five years ago, recently said, "In those days our Baptist schools sought to produce character; to develop lives, to inspire hearts rather than to meet certain standards." The inference is that our Baptist schools today are devoting so much time to standardization that they are not paying sufficient attention to the principal things which justify the support of Christian schools.

The four Baptist colleges of Mississippi are, Mississippi College, Mississippi Woman's College, Blue Mountain and Clarke College, and a fifth college which is not owned by the denomination, but has been formally approved by the State Baptist Convention, Hillman College—are among the mightiest forces in Mississippi tending to "produce character, develop lives, inspire hearts." No student can stay four years in any one of these colleges without experiencing the attractive power of applied Christianity; their highly trained faculties of consecrated men and women; their strong departments of Christianity with professors equal to the best; their

efficient and enthusiastic directors of student religious activities; their splendid student bodies, combine to produce glowing centers of effective Christian work.

Nevertheless, our denominational colleges are making strenuous efforts to become accredited as the equal of the best standard colleges. To try to operate a college below commonly accepted standards is unfair to the students who attend it and to the officials devoting their lives to it. Our Christian colleges ought to take pride in providing preparation of the highest quality.

Our people are making real sacrifices to enable them to standardize, but all of our colleges are still greatly in need of funds for endowment and buildings.

Mississippi College at Clinton is now erecting three much needed buildings, a dormitory, a gymnasium and an infirmary. This is now a standard A-1 College, a member of the Southern Association of Colleges.

Blue Mountain and Woman's College are on the "approved" list or "recommended" list of the Southern Association and hope soon to be enrolled into full membership. The University of Mississippi has recently agreed to admit students who have recently taken degrees at Blue Mountain to its graduate school without examination. A signal honor. Blue Mountain is now seeking to complete its necessary endowment, and by reason of the remarkable offer of Mr. B. B. Jones to contribute a dollar to Blue Mountain for every dollar given by any student in Mississippi—college, public school or Sunday school student—it is hoped that the full amount (\$200,000) will be raised before the next meeting of the State Convention.

Clarke and Hillman are accredited junior colleges, each offering four years of high school work, in addition to two years of college grade.

All of these fine schools opened during the preceeding month and the prospects of all of them are splendid.

Let us all encourage our young people to attend these—our own—colleges, and let us support them with our prayers and our money. Next to the preaching of the Gospel itself, this is the most important work we have to do. We are very largely dependent upon these colleges for our Christian leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WILLIAMS.

Bro. Newton announced that he would be glad to take subscriptions to the Baptist Record. Motion was made for adjournment. The Association adjourned for the noon hour. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. J. L. Williams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The Association reconvened for business at 1:30. Song, "Love Lifted Me." "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." The King's Business." A special song by Bro. Mott, "Softly and Tenderly."

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on the Digest of Letters by Bro. W. L. Spinks.

The next order of business was the reading of the Report of the Budget Committee. This report was adopted by the Association as read.

The Report on Laymen's work was omitted.

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on Woman's Work. This oral report was adopted. Discussed by Mrs. John Clark.

The next order of business was the Report on Hospitals and Orphanages by the chairman, Bro. C. E. Bass. This report was adopted as read. Discussion by Bro. C. E. Bass. A resolution was offered to the report by J. L. Williams, "that we write to the Orphanage and find out when they are going to send a car." This resolution was adopted.

Hospitals and Orphanage

Mississippi Baptists own and control the Baptist Hospital at Jackson and a third interest in the Tri-State Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis. At Jackson we have a splendid well equipped plant with standard service. We have just completed an up-to-date Nurses' Home where we take care of the 36 young women who are in training. This supplies a long-felt need. Mrs. R. L. Bunyard the widow of one of our best Mississippi pastors is the worthy matron and religious leader of these fine girls, looking after the Y. W. A. and Sunday school work among them. She also does much personal work among the patients, and has rendered a great service in raising funds for the furnishing of this new home. Our Hospital is the best and most popular hospital among all classes in the State.

Debts incurred by the acquisition of property and the completion of the hospital building and erection of the Nurses' Home have deprived us of doing as much charity work as desired. The Hospital has had to maintain itself and pay about 50% of these debts from its current income. Our debts are still large but we are cutting them down each month by our monthly income and by receipts from the Co-operative program. As quick as our debts are paid we will be able to take care of many more charity patients. However, we care for about 300 charity cases per year anyway.

The purpose of a Christian hospital is three-fold—to set a standard of service in caring for the afflicted; to render good service to as many of the afflicted poor as possible; and to use every possible means to win the unsaved to Christ.

Our Memphis Hospital is one of the best and greatest in the South. 450 beds, a large up-to-date Nurses' Home with nearly 200 young women in training.

For several years we have had an average of about 175 children in our orphanage at Jackson. We have over 100 acres of land around which the city of Jackson is rapidly building. Here are located our orphanage buildings—dormitories, farm house and barn, school house, laundry and shop, nursery, and the Superintendent's home.

The farmer and our boys cultivate about fifty acres in corn, peas, beans, sweet potatoes and truck. About forty acres are used for pasturage for our little dairy herd. A few hogs are raised each year which supplies most of the pork and bacon used at the orphanage. These productions with the liberal donations of boxes of clothing and shoes, and the cars of provisions and designated gifts and the prorata from the Co-operative Program supply the children of our orphanage.

In our prayers and donations both in designated gifts and in contributions to the Co-operative Program, our orphan children should not be forgotten.

Respectfully,

C. E. BASS.

The next order of business was the Treasurer's Report. This report was adopted by the Association as given by the Treasurer, Bennie C. Palmer. The question was brought up as to the subject matter for the 1927 minutes. Motion was made by Bro. W. L. Spinks that the Clerk be empowered to make a synopsis of the proceedings of last year and print in the minutes for 1927. This motion was carried without a dissenting vote. (A copy of this matter will be found in this copy of the minute.)

Motion was made and carried for the Chairman to conduct devotional exercises Sunday morning.

Motion was made and carried for the Association to adjourn until Saturday evening at 7:00 p. m. Meeting was dismissed by Bro. Wallace.

SUNDAY EVENING

Opening songs, "Love Lifted Me," "More About Jesus."
Opening prayer, by J. L. Williams.

The sermon Saturday evening was preached by the Moderator, Bro. C. E. Bass. This sermon was appreciated by the congregation because of its worth and masterful presentation. Text, "Be Ye Also Enlarged." Subject, The Enlargement of the Christian.

Reading of minutes of Saturdays proceedings by the Clerk, Bennie C. Palmer. The minutes were adopted as read.

Closing song, "Sweet Bye and Bye."

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on Resolutions, by the chairman, Bro. J. L. Williams. This was adopted by the body.

Report on Resolutions

First. That our thanks be extended to the membership of Salem Church, their pastor and community for their cordial hospitality and their splendid entertainment while among them. May God's richest blessings abide with you all.

Second. That the Clerk have a sufficient quantity of Minutes printed and distributed and that he be paid \$25.00 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. WILLIAMS,
S. C. TRAMMELL,
ROBERT TEER.

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on Obituaries, by Bennie C. Palmer.

We your committee on Obituaries make the following report:

That since our last meeting of the Kemper County Baptist Association God has seen fit to take from the walks of life seven of our members. We feel that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. We extend to the bereaved ones our heartfelt sympathy.

Respectfully submitted,

BENNIE C. PALMER.

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

1925

MRS. T. W. MOORE	Anitoch
MR. TOM L. MOORE	Salem
MRS. MARTHA E. SLATON	Friendship
MR. J. D. STOKES,	Blackwater
MRS. FRANCES WATKINS	Salem

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MR. A. C. PALMER	Salem
MRS. J. C. GILBERT	Scooba
MRS. FANNIE ADDKINSON	Antioch
MRS. PEARL CHANCEY	Antioch
MRS. ELIZA THOMAS	Antioch
MR. J. C. CREED	Friendship
BRO. T. S. LEMRICK	Blackwater

SUNDAY MORNING

Association called to order by the Moderator, Bro. C. E. Bass.
Song, "Rescue the Perishing."

Devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. C. E. Bass.

Prayer by Bro. J. F. Entzminger and S. C. Trammell.

Next order of business was the reading of the Report on Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U., by the chairman J. L. Williams. The Report was moved for adoption. Bro. J. F. Entzminger made an interesting address on the value of a Sunday School.

The next order of business was the reading of the Report on Publications by Bennie C. Palmer, the chairman. This report was adopted.

Report On Publications

The Baptist people of Mississippi are indeed fortunate to have within the State the Baptist Record. This paper does not enjoy the wide circulation that it should, but our people are beginning to realize the importance of a religious paper and the subscription list is growing. It has been truly said that, "a person cannot be interested in the cause of which he knows nothing." The Baptist Record is the only medium through which we can keep in touch with the work all over the State. The subscription price is reasonable enough, \$2.00 per year. This covers only the cost of publishing and mailing this sixteen page weekly. By all means a copy of the Baptist Record should be found in each Baptist family. The reading material to be found in the Record is of the highest type and from the best writers over our State and nation.

The Home and Foreign Field offers to our people an opportunity to keep in touch with our mission work at home and abroad. Some of our people have just awakened to the possibilities that lie in this field. This magazine is edited by Bro. Gaines Dobbins, one of the greatest journalists of our time. Every Baptist Home should subscribe to this magazine and in this manner keep in touch with the cause of Christ at home and in foreign fields.

The literature for our Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. is another great factor in the advancement of the Lord's work. There is not a church in existence that could not be made to function better by having these organizations in them. The literature that we give to the world does have far reaching effect, on the people now living and posterity. But we as Baptists must cooperate with our papers if they are to grow and function as they are intended to do.

Respectfully submitted,

BENNIE C. PALMER.

Bro. J. F. Entzminger made a forceful talk on the value of a Sunday School. Song, "We Shall See the King Some Day."

Sermon, Bro. W. L. Spinks. Text: "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be ye of good cheer, ye must have the tribulation."

After announcements the Association adjourned to meet with Antioch Church, Friday before the Fourth Sunday in October, 1924.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known as the Kemper County Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of Missionary Baptist Churches in Kemper County and such other outlying churches which may feel that they can best promote the interests of the Master's kingdom by membership with us.

3. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to two delegates and one additional for each fifty members above the first fifty, all ordained ministers holding membership in or being a pastor of churches in this Association shall be seated as delegates.

4. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected at the beginning of each annual session of the body, and shall discharge the duties incumbent upon such officers.

5. The purpose of this Association shall be to enlist, combine and direct the energies of the sisterhood of churches in Missions—Home, Foreign and State—Christian Education, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers' Relief, and such other interests as will promote the Master's interest among men:

6. The Association shall meet annually at a time and place designated by the Association in session, or by the Moderator in council with the Executive Committee.

7. The Association shall elect annually one brother from each church of the Association, who together with the Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Committee, whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Association during the interim of the annual meetings of the body.

8. The delegates shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying to their appointment as delegates and containing such other information as may be deemed important to the Association and its work.

9. This Association admits the right of any church to withdraw at any time from this body without giving any reason for so doing, and it reserves the right to withdraw from and disown any or all churches which depart from the principles of this compact by becoming either heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

10. This Association may have a fund, to be raised by voluntary contribution of the churches or individuals, which fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, and to be paid out by him on order of the Moderator on instructions from the Association in session or through its Executive Committee during the interim in annual sessions.

11. This body shall be purely advisory in its purpose and work, and shall never in any way usurp the ability of the churches, or infringe upon the independence and individual rights of the churches.

12. This Association shall appoint at each annual session two preachers to prepare and preach at the next meeting of the Association, one to preach the Associational or introductory sermon, the other to preach on some distinctive doctrine of the Baptist denomination.

13. This Constitution may be altered or amended as experience may dictate, at any annual meeting; provided the proposed alteration or amendment shall have been presented to the Association at any annual meeting at least one year previous to the act making the change, and shall be concurred in by two-thirds of the membership present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Omnipotent, Omnipresent and Omniscient; co-equal and eternal.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were written by inspiration of God, and that they are our only all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity, and of man's inability to restore himself in the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith, unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last day.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth, and He has commanded it to be preached to every creature; therefore, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust; the general judgment; and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ Jesus is composed of only baptized believers, covenanted together to keep house for the Lord, and carry on His work according to the principles of the New Testament.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only law-giver of His Church, and that His government is with the Church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued till the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that the immersion of a believer in water, alone is baptism, and can be administered only by those duly and regularly set apart by the Church, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects for the ordinance.

13. We believe that only regular baptized believers who are in full fellowship with the doctrines of the Church, are eligible part-takers of the Lord's Supper.

14. We believe that Salvation is by Grace through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. The officers of this Association shall hold their positions till their successors are duly elected.

3. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the meetings, or call some one to the chair while he speaks on a subject, or absents himself from the chair for cause; he shall appoint all committees, with the sanction of this Association, explain questions, administer reproof when necessary and decide between contending

claims. He may vote only in case of tie. He shall be deemed a judge of order and his judgment shall be final unless there be some one to appeal from his decision to the Association by two-thirds vote, before the close of that particular session of the meeting. He shall also be chairman of the Executive Committee and preside over its meetings.

4. The Clerk-Treasurer shall enroll the names of the delegates (immediately after the opening of the Association by prayer, led by the Moderator, or some one whom he may appoint,) and on each succeeding day of the session shall call the roll of delegates, noting the absentees. He shall keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the body and discharge such other duties as the body may direct. He shall also be Secretary of the Executive Committee.

5. Members wishing to speak shall address the Moderator. Only one member shall be permitted to speak at a time, and the one first rising, unless he depart from the subject, or indulge in invective.

6. No member shall be permitted to speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the Association.

7. No member shall leave the meeting of the Association without the permission of the Moderator.

8. Every motion duly seconded, after due discussion, shall be put to vote unless it be withdrawn by the mover, before another motion is in order.

9. Members shall use the term Brother in speaking to or of each other in the meetings.

10. These rules shall be read at each annual session of the Association.

11. These rules may be altered or amended at any annual session by majority vote of those members present.

12. Kerfoot's Parliamentary Practice shall be adopted as standard in the government of this body.

13. In all motions coming up for consideration, a majority vote shall rule, except in case of an appeal from the chair or an amendment to the Constitution, which requires two-thirds vote.

HISTORICAL TABLE

CHURCH HELD WITH	Month	Year	MODERATOR	CLERK-TREAS	PREACHER	Number Churches	Membership
Antioch	Oct.	1921	H. C. Joyner	A. C. Furr	H. T. McLaurin	11	737
Friendship	Oct.	1922	J. H. Newton	A. C. Furr	J. H. Newton	13	644
Blackwatr	Oct.	1923	J. H. Newton	A. C. Furr	E. E. Huntsberry	13	714
Bay Springs	Oct.	1924	S. C. Trammell	A. C. Furr	J. E. Byrd	14	812
Scooba	Oct.	1925	S. C. Trammell	Bennie G. Palmer	P. I. Lipsey	14	637
Salem	Oct.	1926	C. E. Bass	Bennie C. Palmer	R. B. Gunter	14	

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	Is it in a Village, Town, City or Country?	When Constituted	CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Days of Meeting	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP		Total Present Members	Weekly Prayer Meetings	Revival Meetings Held During Year	Observances of Lord's Supper During Year	Families Receiving State Baptist Paper
					GAINS	LOSSES					
Antioch	Country		J. N. Moore, Scotia	1 Sunday	91		90		1		1
Bay Springs	Country		J. C. Edwards, Porterville	4 Sunday	84	3	87		1		
Brinsville	Country		Mrs. Alma Evans, Geiger, Ala.	3 Sunday	83	1	83		1		1
Blackwater	Country		H. W. Davis, Daleville	1 Sunday	81	1	70		1		
Center Ridge	Country	1847	S. W. Key, DeKalb		60	11	49		1		
DeKalb	Town		S. R. Rogers, DeKalb	4 Sunday	60	3	61				
Electric Mills	Town		W. P. Hollis, Electric Mills	1 Sunday	35	7	29				
Friendship	Country	1892	A. Sanders, Porterville	3 Sunday	26	5	32		1		5
Philadelphia	Country	1910	Miss Dollie Hopper, Porterville	3 Sunday	29	1	29		1		29
Salem	Country	1860	Ben C. Palmer, Cholsen	1 Sunday	122	1	122		1		1
Seaboa	Town	1886	Mrs. G. C. Boyd, Seaboa	1 & 2 Sunday	92	5	92		1		1
Stonewall	Country		Mrs. Kate Hunter, DeKalb	3 Sunday	56	2	60		1		4
Whitlak	Village	1907	Mrs. R. W. Bethany, Whitlak	4 Sunday	14	1	13		1		4

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	LOCAL CHURCH TREASURER	Pastor's Salary	Repairs	Ministerial Help	Literature for S. S. and H. Y. P. U.	Minute Fund	Other Objects	1925 Program	Treasurer of Missions and Benevolences
Antioch	J. N. Moore	\$ 56.50		\$41.00	\$ 1.80	\$ 5.40		5.50	
Bay Springs									
Birmingham	S. N. Evans	72.25		14.80		5.00		37.05	
Blackwater	H. W. Davis	350.00	8.00	40.00		5.00	14.00		S. W. Key
Center Ridge	S. W. Key	300.00		33.00	10.00	6.76		15.00	
DeKalb	S. R. Rogers	350.00			20.00			100.00	E. E. Hall
Electric Mills	E. E. Hall	480.00		73.00	6.17	10.00		533.13	S. A. Saunders
Friendship	S. A. Saunders	140.00	120.00	52.50		6.40		62.00	
Philadelphia		35.75		25.00	20.00	5.32		5.80	Clay Duncan
Salem	Clay Duncan	200.00		262.50	42.00	10.00	116.00	292.30	I. H. Lanier
Scobea	I. H. Lanier	800.00	290.00	25.00		1.80			
Stonewall		25.00	187.70						
Union Hill									
Wahalak	W. M. Pope	138.47	3.00	80.37	2.60	4.25		22.00	W. N. Pope
	Total	\$4,251.97	\$608.70	\$647.17	\$102.62	\$69.89	\$130.00	\$1,072.78	